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In addition to the naval air unit stationed at Peenemuende, another flying unit has been observed there since early June. This unit had previously been stationed at Peenemuende and had been transferred from there in November 1951. Two officers belonging to the unit stated that it would stay at Peenemuende for approximately six weeks and participate in maneuvers. Air activity by jet fighters has substantially increased since early June. The personnel of the non-resident unit was quartered in tents.

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Comment: It may safely be assumed that the new unit at Peenemuende is the fighter regiment of the fighter division at Puetnitz which, prior to its transfer to Puetnitz, had been stationed at Peenemuende until November 1951. The transfer may be linked with maneuvers in the Baltic Sea.

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1. On 18 June, except for individuals crossing at Lindenstrasse, the East Berlin sector boundaries were sealed off by Volkspolizei and Soviet troops. From 5 a.m. on 19 June, the VP controls at Gliencke Bridge permitted passage toward the Soviet Zone. Individuals were also allowed to pass from West Berlin to Steinstuecken by VP's who appeared to be lenient.
2. Between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on 18 June, Soviet T-34 tanks and armored cars were observed at the Brandenburger Tor, Lessing Theater, Alexanderplatz, Spitalmarkt and near the Kaufhaus Wertheim on Leipzigerstrasse. Whereas most of these points were guarded by only small elements of from 3 to 5 tanks, the force at Alexanderplatz consisted of 18 tanks and 10 trucks with soldiers.
3. At 6 a.m. on 18 June, three T-34 tanks and three armored personnel carriers were seen on Friedrichstrasse and six tanks on Muellerstrasse. At 4:30 p.m. KVP troops armed with carbines, who had allegedly come from Saxony, were seen on Wollankstrasse.
4. In the morning of 19 June, small tank elements and machinegun and AT gun emplacements were observed at the following locations: Brandenburger Tor, Potsdamer Platz, Reichspraesidenten Palast, Kopenhagerstrasse, railroad bridge at Bornholmerstrasse and in the Nasses Dreieck settlement.
5. On 19 June, individuals crossed the sector boundary at Elsenstrasse in Treptow. Although warned by West Berlin police of possible arrest by eastern authorities, persons with DDR identity cards crossed the zonal border (toward Hohenneudorf) at the Invalidensiedlung in Frohnau.
6. At 1 p.m. on 19 June, the sector boundary in the Neukoelln area was guarded only by NCO's of the KVP officers' school in Pankow.

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7. At 3 a.m. on 19 June, Soviet troops occupied the Stahlwerk Hennigsdorf as well as other positions north of the Havel bridge.
8. Prior to 11:30 a.m. on 19 June, KVP guard detachments were observed at the intersections of Bernauerstrasse with Schwedter-Wolliner-Ruppiner-Brunnen-Stralitzer-Garten and Acker Strassen. In each case the KVP troops were backed up by Soviet T-34 tanks. The intersection Chaussee and Lindenstrasse was guarded by Soviet troops supported by eight T-34 tanks. Regular VP sentries were observed at Clara Zetkin Strasse, Friedrich Ebert Strasse and at the Reinhardt Strasse bridge near the Lessing Theater.
9. At 6 a.m. on 19 June, 25 T-34 tanks and tents were observed near the mill and water works at Richstaedt, 15 km. south of Oranienburg. Two T-34 tanks were observed at the southern approach to Stolpe.
10. On the morning of 19 June, SP guns were observed leaving Camp Planken where only a strong rear detail remained behind. Anti-tank obstacles were built on the Hillersleben-Meseberg-Grossammensleben road. Neuahaldensleben was occupied by ten tanks. Troops had allegedly also left for the zonal border. ¹
11. A general strike was called in Magdeburg on 17 June. All public buildings were stormed and some political prisoners were freed. For a period of four hours the city was completely in the hands of the demonstrators. Mass arrests were carried out after the demonstration had been quelled by Soviet armored forces. A partial strike was still in effect on 20 June. ²

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1. Comment: On 19 June, the KVP appeared to have been employed along the foremost line along the zonal boundary in Berlin while the Soviet troops remained in the background. Strong elements of the 1st Mechanized Division were deployed in the central and southern areas of Berlin while troops of another division were possibly used in the northern part of the city. Some of the troops committed to Wismar may possibly have belonged to the 4th AT Artillery Brigade which may have been transported by sea from Ruegen Island to Wismar. Wismar and Schwerin have certainly been occupied by units of the 94th Guards Rifle Division.

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2. Comment: The 14th Guards Mechanized Division was allegedly deployed in Magdeburg. A part of the division was observed departing from the southern part of the Letalinger Heide training area.

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